

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of K.L.R. and L.L.R., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DARLENE MILLS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

GERALD BRENT RICHARDSON,

Respondent.

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Before: Hoekstra, P.J., and Wilder and Zahra, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondents-appellants appeal as of right from the trial court order terminating their parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm. These appeals are being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

In this case, the evidence showed that both parents placed their addictions to drugs before their desire to properly care for their children, as evidenced by respondent-mother's ingestion of drugs during pregnancy, the half-hearted and unsuccessful attempts they made at treating their addictions, despite clear knowledge that permanent custody of their children was at stake, and the ingestion of drugs even on the day of the termination hearing. After reviewing the record in this case, we find that the trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondents-appellants' parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellants' parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra
/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder
/s/ Brian K. Zahra